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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES COUP D'ETAT - RESUMPTION OF NORMAL  
RELATIONS

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1. GENERAL U.S. PRACTICE IN CASES OF EXTRA-CONSTITUTIONAL  
CHANGES OF GOVERNMENT IN RECENT YEARS HAS BEEN TO DE-  
EMPHASIZE ISSUE OF RECOGNITION, WHILE PRESERVING OUR  
OPTIONS DURING AN INITIAL PERIOD OF REDUCED CONTACTS WHILE  
APPRAISING SITUATION. IN SEYCHELLES CASE WE BELIEVE PERIOD  
OF REDUCED CONTACTS CAN BE BRIEF, DUE BOTH TO OUR INTER-

EST IN PROTECTING STATUS OF TRACKING STATION AND TO LIKELIHOOD OF EARLY NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BY BRITISH (AND PROBABLY OTHERS).

2. WE ANTICIPATE EARLY BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT OF THEIR INTENT TO CONTINUE RELATIONS WITH RENE GOVERNMENT. FOLLOWING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, IF THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN CIRCUMSTANCES, WE PLAN TO AUTHORIZE YOU TO RESUME FULL RANGE OF CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES VIS-A-VIS GOS AND TO SO INFORM GOS. IF ASKED BY GOS IF THIS CONSTITUTES US RECOGNITION OF NEW GOVERNMENT, YOU MAY THEN RESPOND THAT USG CONSIDERS OUR RELATIONS WITH SEYCHELLES CONTINUE AND QUESTION OF RECOGNITION DOES NOT ARISE.

3. PENDING BRITISH ACTION, FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WHICH ELABORATES ON THAT PROVIDED REFTEL A MAY BE USEFUL:

A. MAINTAIN NORMAL CONTACTS (INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH GOS OFFICIALS IF REQUESTED BY THEM, ACCEPTANCE OF NOTES, ETC.).

B. AVOID SIGNIFICANT BILATERAL ACTIONS IMPLYING APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF NEW GOVERNMENT (SUCH AS FORMAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS, DISCUSSION OF NEW BILATERAL ACTIVITIES OR PROGRAMS, ETC.).

C. DOWNPLAY ANY QUESTIONS RE RECOGNITION AND AVOID STATEMENTS OR ACTS SUGGESTING THAT RECOGNITION IS QUESTION TO BE FORMALLY OR DRAMATICALLY DECIDED.

4. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION AND USE AS NECESSARY, FOLLOW-CONFIDENTIAL

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ING IS DEPARTMENT'S PRESS GUIDANCE ON THESE POINTS:

(PRIOR TO BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT)

QUESTION: DOES THE U.S. RECOGNIZE THE NEW SEYCHELLES REGIME?

ANSWER: AS YOU KNOW, THE COUP OCCURRED ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO. WE ARE MAINTAINING CONTACTS WITH THE NEW REGIME AND ARE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY.

QUESTION: IS THIS THE STANDARD U.S. PRACTICE IN SUCH SITUATIONS?

ANSWER: YES.

(FOLLOWING BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT)

QUESTION: DOES THE U.S. RECOGNIZE THE NEW SEYCHELLES REGIME?

ANSWER: WE CONSIDER THAT NORMAL RELATIONS WITH SEYCHELLES  
ARE CONTINUING. THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION DOES NOT  
ARISE.

QUESTION: ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE OVERTHROW OF A  
LEGALLY CONSTITUTED DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT?

ANSWER: AS YOU KNOW, THE U.S. BELIEVES IN DEMOCRATIC FORMS  
OF GOVERNMENT. WE NOTE THAT THE NEW SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT  
HAS STATED ITS INTENTION TO PROMULGATE A NEW CONSTITUTION  
AT AN EARLY DATE AND TO HOLD ELECTIONS IN 1979. VANCE

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